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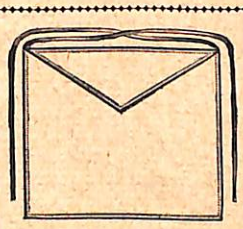

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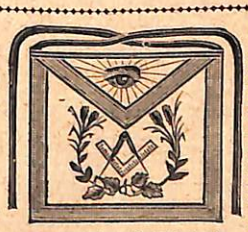

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MRS. MARY B. RATHBUN,
Grand Matron of Iowa.

The portrait for this month gives our readers a good idea of the Sister, who, for the second time sits in the Grand East. For several terms she occupied the Grand West, and her election for another term as Grand Matron is a compliment any woman might well covet. Sister Rathbun deserves well of a Great Jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction appreciates the best.

HERE'S GOOD LAW.

Brethren who talk about each other never know where the talk will end. Many a man has been not only hurt in feeling, but damaged in reputation, by a criticism, born of a misapprehension of facts. Such a criticism or defamatory story grows by repetition, until it assumes giant proportions, and ultimates in branding a man for life. Such criticisms are un-Masonic. Far better approach the brother and stand face to face with him, if you think he is guilty, in order to bring about a reformation.

Among the Lodges.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

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Marion—Jan. 11, 12, 13, 1900.
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NO. 11.

Marshalltown—Jan. 22, 23, 24, 1900.
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OFFICERS OF TROJAN LODGE.

The officers of Trojan Lodge, No. 548, Marion, Iowa, for 1900, are as follows:

H. Robinson, W. M.
C. S. Berry, S. W.
O. M. Boyles, J. W.
R. C. Jackson, S. D.
Chas. Mitchell, J. D.
Jacob Kocher, S. S.
Charley Keller, J. S.
J. Smalley, Treas.
Henry Stearns, Sec'y.
W. A. Gates, T.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Dr. Parvin is confined to his home with sprained ankle. Painful, but not dangerous.

A GRAND MASTER MISSING.

PERRY, OK., Jan. 4.—The mysterious disappearance of Henry Rucker, from this city, has caused a profound sensation. He is a lawyer, politician, grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the territory, and high priest of the Chapter of both territories. It is said the grand jury has indicted Rucker for some offense. He has been out of the city for a month. Rucker is well known in Kentucky and a graduate of Yale College.

The Royal Arch.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected in Trowel Chapter, R. A. M.: C. H Cogswell, high priest; W. W. Hamilton, king; C. D. Huston, scribe; G. W. Bever, treasurer; A. H. Gough, secretary; E. O. Edson, captain of the host; T. Will Runkle, principal sojourner; J. H. Merritt, Royal Arch captain; M. W. Hazeltine, John Nyere and S. B. Cowden, masters of the veils; Z. Farr, tyler.

Marion Chapter No. 10, has been continuously prosperous under the care of E. H. P., J. N. North—work ahead all the time.

The Council.

APPROVED—BUT ?

The Grand Council of Colorado, at its Annual Assembly, evidently considered the effect of the cryptic event on Pike's Peak, for the Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows:

Regarding the pilgrimage of the Cryptic Masons of Kansas and other Grand Jurisdictions, we beg to report that inasmuch as the inception, incidents, pilgrimage and return to their homes have all now passed into history, we believe it therefore incumbent upon your committee to express to the craft in this and other jurisdictions the impression left upon us by the several events.

The growing desire among Masons for public display by parades, public installations, pilgrimages and other showy ceremonies are not conductive to the best interests of Masonry, and by reason of their publicity invite the criticism of the profane, and for this alone, if no other reason existed, should be discouraged or positively forbidden.

Your committee, therefore, realizing that the peculiar circumstances surrounding the action of our Grand Master in permitting the invasion of our Jurisdiction, were sufficent, in his opinion to justify his action, we recommend that he be upheld therein, but must earnestly recommend that the precedent thus established be hereafter discountenanced.—*Home Journal.*

In the Commanderies

AT ANAMOSA.

October 27th will be remembered as a successful day in the history of Templary at Anamosa. At 8:00 P. M. Sir W. N. Dearborn called his Commandery to order, and after opening conferred the Order of the Temple upon Companion Charles Howard, and his intelligent appreciation of the able manner in which the work was done added to the interest. A sumptuous and enjoyable banquet was served at the "Gillen House." Past Commander Ercanbrack acted as toast master and called out the following responses:

"The G. A. R. and Templary," Past Commander Wood.

Sir Knight T. A. King responded for the Commandery at Monticello.

"Apollo Commandery 26; Templary and The Church," E. Grand Prelate Sir T. E. Green.

"Patmos No. 27; The A. O. U. W. and How They View Our Order," Past Commander Jno. W. Geiger.

"The Knights of Pythias and Their Opinion of Us," Past Commander Lull.

"The Mystic Shrine and The Knights Templar," Sir Knight E. I. Alderman, Potentate of El-Kahir Temple.

"The Benediction," Past Commander Schoonover.

The Eminent Commander then put the vote of thanks and dismissed the guests.

[This item was belated by the editor's sickness.]

The Commandery at Cherokee had a class of eleven in the Red Cross, Jan. 8th.

Patmos No. 27, Marion, begins well under E. C. Sir Knight Alderman.

The Eastern Star.

The Grand Matron of Iowa sent forth this greeting:

EVE PRECEDING THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Christmas and New Years to the Members of Iowa.

May the crystal drippings
Of the Father's Love
Be your inspiration.

IOWA LOSES A P. G. P.

The members of this order in Iowa were surprised and pained to hear of the death of Bro. H. S. Winslow, on December 11th, 1899. His prominence in the Grand Chapter is well known. He was also Past Grand Commander of Iowa K. T.

From a recent letter we note that this year's work opened up more lively than last. Three new Chapters organized before Dec. 8th. Two were waiting for institution U. D. (Jan. 4th, 1900). We rejoice in this growth.

From the M. W. Grand Matron. We have her circular of 1900 greetings:

"For life is the mirror of King and Slave,
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

Marion Chapter 183 held a Chapter of Sorrow, Dec. 31st, in which much interest was manifested.

The Order has been instituted in India, a Chapter being organized in Benares.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, W. M.; J. N. North, W. P.; Mrs. F. C. Bell, A. M.; Mrs. Kelly, Com.; Mrs. Cessford, A. Com,; Miss Ora Clogston, Sec'y; Mrs. A. B. McLean, Treas. The foregoing officers were elected in Marion Chapter 183, O. E. S.

Scottish Rite.

From within the shadow of one of a S. M. J. Consistory comes the advertisement of "The Knights of Kadosh," that they will issue certificates to men and women for $500 to $3,000.

In this Rite disciplinary action in the lower bodies does not take effect in the higher until it has acted thereon.—*Barnard.*

The Grand Orient of Belgium has notified the Masonic powers of the world that Peters Boertsoen has bequeathed a sum, the interest of which, amounting to 7,000 francs ($1,400) per annum, is to be given as a reward for the best work written on "Universal Masonry."

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1900.

THOS. LAMBERT....Sabula.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
B. F. PARKER...Dubuque.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
J. H. PETTIBONE...Burlington..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. —, 1900, Des Moines.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Washington, D. C., May 22, 1900.
JOHN H. ATWOOD, Leavenworth, Kan IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
F. O. EVANS.....Des Moines.2.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Masonry is a human institution based upon divine principles and the embodiment of Christian chivalry. Its devotees being the defenders of the highest and noblest faith. This excellent definition was recently given by Rev. A. Willis Ebersole, Watkins, N. Y.

Volume Eight.

Better, thank you!

Winter "work" is commenced.

The post-election kicker is now at the bat.

The venerable Grand Secretary of Iowa sent us kindly Christmas greetings. Thanks.

General Lawton was a Mason of Summit City Lodge, No. 170, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

After a long and painful illness we are thankful to be out again, and will be abroad ere this meets your eye. Hard at it.

Do our friends want to give us a reminder of their fraternal regard? It can come in no better way to mutually benefit us than to send your renewal and a new subscription, at half rates.

Were it our last word of advice to the thousands of our Masonic friends, we would say—"Visit the sick." We never realized how trying it is to lie waiting for the coming of those who should—but never did—come "visit the sick."

Out in California an effort was made to employ only janitors who were Masons, for the Masonic building, and as a result the "Trestle Board" says that "the only Mason employed has been dischaged."

We assure Bro. Burr F. Price that his familiar autograph was recognized and his "greetings" appreciated.

To Ill. Bro. J. C. Smith and his family we respond—"We are well, sah, at last, and feel rejoiced that you had 'tuckey,' 'possum an' dat little bottle on de boys head—long life, sah, and many happy days, sah!

Brother Gil. Barnard calls us with—

"My friends, may the sweet holiday chimes
Bring to you and yours the most joyous times,
And I pray that there be naught nor nil,
To prevent your kind remembrance of
GIL."

And his Masonic record, which is an enviable one.

Lord Kitchener is not only a Mason, but an active one. He has founded two prosperous lodges in Egypt, one at Berber and one at Suakim, of both of which he was the first worshipful master.—*Boston Ideas.*

The Mystic Shrine.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

BY THE EDITOR.

CHAPTER V.

1880.

From the fifth to the sixth sessions was but a short four months—and was held in Temple Hall, 117 W. 22d St , New York, June 2d, 1880.

The Imperial address evinces some progress, in the institution of one Temple, V. D. (Moslem, Detroit.) No deaths among the Nobility. The Ritual was revised and awaited funds to pay for its publication. A charter was granted to Moslem Temple at this session. The history of the order was again "resolved" to be published.

——1881——

The seventh session was held at New York, same hall, June 9th, 1881. The Imperial (Grand) Recorder's report shows:

MEMBERSHIP.

For 1880,—Total,	587
For 1879,—Total,	438
Increase,	149

Mecca Temple entertained the Council at an evening ceremonial session.

——1882——

The eighth session was held in New York, June 7th, 1882. Seven Temples were represented: Cyprus, Damascus, Mecca, Moslem, Pyramid, Syrian, and Ziyara.

The new Ritual is announced as out and ready for exchange for the old edition.

An effort seems to have been made to have "State Councils," but did not amount to much.

A directory "exercising adjudicatory and executive powers during the interim of the Annual Sessions" was established, and C. T. McClenachan, J. B. Eakinsy and Sam Briggs were appointed thereon. The name of the body was changed to "The Imperial Council of the United States of America." The per capita was fixed at 10 cents, or rather $10 for each 100 Nobles or fraction thereof.

At this session we have the first report of foreign correspondence, in which there is to be found much food for thought and a lot for inquiry.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A NOBLE MURDERED.

We were astounded to receive word that Noble John E. Robson, of Sioux City, had died from the effects of an assault commited upon him by an unknown assassin, Friday night, Dec. 30th, 1899. He was one of the well known and active members of El-Kahir Temple and great indignation and sorrow fills the hearts of his many friends. No clue, at the time of writing (Jan. 4th.)

The social event of many seasons was the reception and ball given by Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Dec. 6th, 1899. Convention Hall was packed with more than 3000 dancers, with thousands of onlookers. Long live Ararat.

Past Potentate, Noble Geo. W. Bever, is still making progress toward recovery.

Noble H. M. Hamilton, of the Grand Hotel, this city, and Noble E. C. Blackmar, of Burlington, have suffered from slight strokes but are better.

The Shrine trip to Honolulu is now talked of for July next. It will be summer time anyhow.

The time for the holding of the Imperial Council is now definately settled for May 22d and 23d, 1900. The Riggs House will be headquarters. Iowa Nobles want to book for the El-Kahir Iowa-So.-Dakota-Train for a nice trip and a good time.

Lu Lu Temple served six hundred dinners to deserving Masons and others.

Charles E. Markham, Recorder of Ismailia Temple at Buffalo, who is one of the most accomplished artists in the matter of getting out programs, embelished the front of a recent announcement of a meeting with the following lines:

Let every Noble
"Remember the day and keep the date;
Remember the hour and not be late;
Remember his fez to cover his pate;
Remember to say to his lovely mate,
That if he's not in early she needn't wait;

Endeavor to secure a candidate,
And escort him so far as the outer gate;
He'll not be sorry to meet his fate,
And will think it cheap at our modest rate;
Which we must have to pay the freight,
For all who come we'll simply state;
There'll be both hard and liquid bait."

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

Since we are able to be about again the following have sent us notices:

For December 20, 1899, Moolah, St. Louis; 27th, Pyramid, Bridgeport, Conn., Rajah, Reading; 28th, Melha, Springfield, Mass.; Acca, Richmond, Va.; 29th, Kismet, Brooklyn; Sesostres, Lincoln; Kalurah, Binghampton; Mecca, N. Y.; Cyprus, Albany; Ismalia, Buffalo; Jan. 3, 1900, Lu Lu, Philadelphia; Sphinx, Hartford, Conn.; Jan 20th, Al-Kader, Portland, Oregon.

A late notice of Saladin Temple announces that Nobles must put their money on the "blue" card, and Charley Fink collects the plunks in a corn-popper as they are coughed up.

Moolah sends us their roster for 1900. It's a neat one.

Don't forget the trip to Washington next May.

Better send 50 cents for this paper and be in on the deal for full information.

Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

KILLING CANDIDATES.

We have always been surprised at the weak arraignments that have followed the criminal negligence by which young Berkeley of Cornell was killed. No well informed Fraternity man will object to the powerful daily press firing broadsides into any and all fraternities allowing *any* "horse-play" by which a man's life is endangered. It is time to call a halt, and to call it hard. If an order can't create interest without endangering life it should die, and die right away. It is reported that young Berkeley's father intends to prosecute the Kappa Alphia for the murder of his son. He ought to succeed in locking up every guilty "chappie."

"The Fraternal Brotherhood of the World" calls attention to criticisms to which we gave voice, and it may have heen our item, or it may not; but the complaint was not against the form of contract or certificate, but the methods of the deputy or organizer who misrepresents all others and belies his own. We have never heard a complaint against a F. B. W. representative. The thick-skinned fellows may answer, please.

And now it is the "Odd Fellows Annuity" that is in deep water, and again the O. L. friends will point morals and adorn tales at the failure of the Fraternal Insurance Orders. It is true, fairness and honor gave the exact classification.

BOOK TABLE.

One of the strongest of independent thinkers of these times is Elbert Hubbard, head of the Roycrofters, East Aurora, N.Y., and editor of the *Philistine*. He is to lecture in Waterloo, Jan. 15th; Cedar Rapids, Jan. 18th, and elsewhere in Iowa that week. Hear him!

The 47th Problem, Chicago, Ill., has just arrived—delayed by going to Cedar Rapids. It's a good paper and deserves success.

The "Masonic News," Peoria, Ill., is another new one late in notice for the above reasons. It too, shows up well and ought to live.

The "United Forester," St. Paul, of the U. O. F., comes to us a welcome and readable exchange.

From Gil W. Barnard we have the proceedings of Illinois Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter and Grand Council, for 1899.

From Grand Secretary Hagenbuch, the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, R. A. M., 1899.

From Alf Wingate of Iowa, the proceedings of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., for 1899.

From Rev. Bro. E. M. Myers of New York, "A History of the Introduction of Freemasonry and its Progress in the United States since 1732." Price 50 cents. A good and useful addition to Masonic literature.

DUTIES OF PAST MASTERS.

Replying to a toast at the installation banquet of United Manawatu, last month, a P. M. made the following reference to the responsibilities of those who have "passed the chair," which may be perused with advantage. He said: "I have no sympathies with those who imagine that after they have served their term as Master the sun has set on their Masonic working day. On the contrary, their work as P. M.'s has only just begun. Up to that time Masonry has done everything for the man who has occupied the chair; it surely then becomes his duty to endeavor to repay some of the obligations he owes to his Lodge. Our best lessons are bought in the school of experience, and it is as we attend to these that we can make progress. I defy any man to serve a term as W. M. without acquiring a fund of experience which will be invaluable to him and profitable to his Lodge, and it is only right that he should give his brethren the opportunity of drawing on that fund when they require to do so. The Past Masters are the veterans of the Craft by whose experience we may profit, the patriarchs with whom we may take command, and on whose judgment we may rely, the Gamaliels at whose feet the others may sit and learn. They should therefore be always available, and even if they are not required to do any part of the ritual work, they can greatly assist both Master and the Lodge by the moral support their presence gives." —*Tyler*.

AN INTERESTING REVIEW.

Our learned Brother, W. Y. Titcomb, of Anniston, Ala., Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, sends us the following interesting review, taken from "Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of London:"

"Origin and Antiquity of Freemasonry, by Albert Churchwarden, M. D., etc." The sub-title of this volume follows the main heading, with these words—"And its Analogy to the Eschatology of the Ancient Egyptians, as witnessed by the 'Book of the Dead,' and the Great Pyramid of Ghizeh, the first Masonic Temple in the world."

Our author dedicates his work to "all my brother Masons in whatever clime and of whatever creed, that believe in and acknowledge the one Great Architect of the Universe."

Several eminent Freemasons have requested Dr. Churchwarden to publish this essay which is, he tells us, the result of many years' study, labor and research.

The author writes in his preface words that are, alas! only too true, stating that "up to the present time no writer has given the true and correct origin of this wonderful Brotherhood;" he explains that the facts he narrates illustrate the secrets of the Masonic degrees up to the 18th of the Ancient and Accepted rite, and that if one be a 33d grade member and have also studied the Book of the Dead, all is clear. Like himself, I have not had the 33d degree thrust on me, but with all respects to the author of this book, I beg to doubt his conclusions, and with much regret have to confess that being a member of the 18th, I yet do not see that much light is thrown by the Book of the Dead upon that very high Church Christian degree, the ritual of which has no trace of any purely Egyptian symbolism, the only allusions to names and places found in it being taken from the New Testament.

It is no doubt true that a survey of the designs of all ages scattered through Egypt in its temples and its tombs reveals a large number of emblems now referred to in Masonic rituals, such as the triangle, Mason's square, the square, the oblong square (a barbarous definition), the ladder, two pillars, and the point within a circle, but to base on this fact a relation of parent and descendant is but a guess without any valid evidence of consanguinity.

While our present Freemasonry is speculative, and its rituals apply to many of the simplest shapes and the most primitive tools, explanations of a moral character, also relating them to corresponding operative Masonry, there is no proof that the same emblems found in Egypt or India or

elsewhere have any such relationship either in theory or practice.

That the very composite collection of religious tracts and theological pictures now grouped together as the Book of the Dead is even remotely represented by our speculative Masonic rituals, is a wild fancy, and that the great pyramid of Ghizeh either in its shape, structure, design, use or history is at all consonant with the plan, method or effect of modern speculative Freemasonry, is a myth, supported only by the most vague conjecture.

The great pyramid has tempted many men out of the narrow path of sane argument, and I fear our author is one more example of the old dogma that a little (Egyptian) learning is a dangerous thing. * * * —*W. Winn Wescott, P. M., 2076.*

The *Indian Freemason,* of Bengal, India, says:

"On several occasions we have heard the Senior Warden of respective lodges, in investing the newly initiated brother, refer to the 'Star and Garter.' We would remind such officers that there is no order of this name, though it sounds pretty and recalls pleasant memories of the Thames and 'refreshment after labor.'"

Yet there was an Order of Knighthood in France, founded by John II, in 1350, called "The Order of the Star," in imitation of the then recently instituted "Order of the Garter," in England. When quoted as "The Order of the Star and of the Garter," there can be no offense in so using it.—*Masonic Chronicle.*

It is too often the practice of well meaning, but ignorant craftsmen, to compare Masonry to, or substitute it for some other institution. This does not aid our cause nor reflect the truth. Between Masonry and anything else there is no comparison.

Noble Charles A. Benedict, Potentate of Mecca Temple, has been appointed to inspect Moila Temple, at St. Joseph, Mo. Potentate Alvah P. Clayton, of Moila will have an opportunity to "get even" with Noble Benedict. "There'll be a hot time in Moila" when Inspector Benedict inspects. He will also look after Ararat Temple, at Kansas City. He has not yet fixed the dates for his inspection.

MASONIC APHORISMS.

Never be an informer or a spy.

Never forget the duties you owe to your Brethren.

Never speak of Lodge matters when in the presence of the profane.

Never fail to admonish a Brother when you see him err.

Never engage in wrangling, backbiting or slandering a Brother.

Never speak ill of a Brother. If you have nothing good to say, say nothing.

Never murmur or dissent from the decision of the majority. Remember that everybody knows more than anybody.

Never permit jealousy to control your actions toward your Brethren.

Never recommend a man to be made a Mason unless you know him to be worthy.

Never cast your ballot in favor of a candidate unless you know him to be free from reproach.—*Pacific Mason.*

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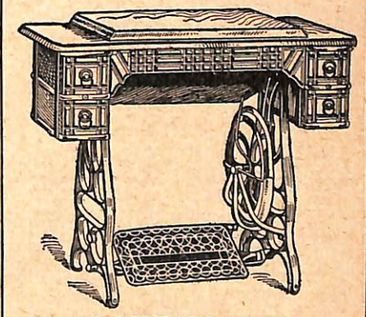

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